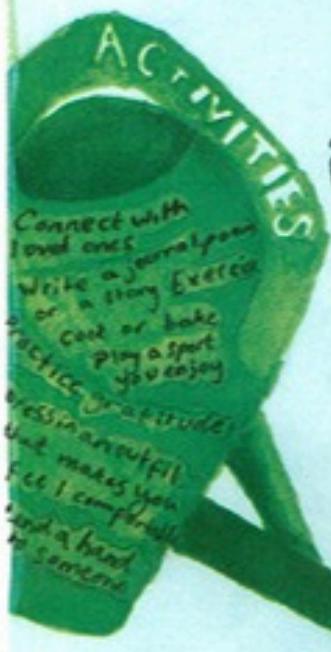


December 2025

THE ASPIRE

Meols Cop High School Newsletter

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Designed by
Imani in Year 8

MOCK EXAMS COMPLETE!

Well done to Year 10 and Year 11 students who recently completed their GCSE Mock exams. Year 10 students completed exams in Science, Maths and English, and the Year 11 students completed the full suite of exams. Year 10 students will complete the rest of their mock exams in the summer.

A reminder why mock exams are so important:

- **An idea of what to expect on exam day**
- **Exam time management skills**
- **Calm pre-exam nerves**
- **Track progress throughout each term**
- **Improve Knowledge base**
- **Predicted grades**



IMPORTANT DEADLINE REMINDERS

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE: The deadline for students to self place is **Friday 19th December**. Students are encouraged to find their own placement, to ensure suitability and preference of the experience.

YEAR 11 COLLEGE / PROVIDER APPLICATIONS: The deadline to apply for at least one provider is **Friday 19th December**. Applications are submitted via the college/provider web site, a course discussion will follow to secure the student's place for September entry.



CAREER CHAMPION EVENT

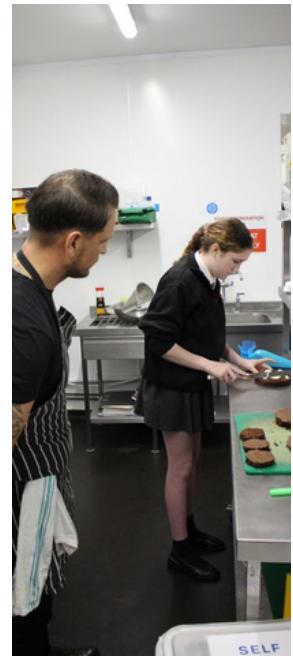
A number of Year 8 students attended the Career Champion Event at Birkdale High School. The event focused on introducing students to Career Champions—peers who help guide others in career exploration. Students also explored key growth sectors such as technology, healthcare, and green energy, learning how these industries will shape future job opportunities.

The highlight of the day was a talk from employers actively promoting these sectors, providing valuable insights into what businesses are looking for. Students also participated in tasks with support from employers and Career Champions, gaining practical advice on career planning.

The event left students feeling inspired and informed, with a deeper understanding of how to prepare for future career opportunities. We look forward to more events like this to help students shape their career paths!

SOUTHPORT LEARNING TRUST DESSERT COMPETITION

Huge congratulations to our amazing Meols Cop students who wowed the judges at the Southport Learning Trust Dessert Competition with their stunning Strawberry & Black Forest Gateau! Our students worked alongside professional chefs and truly rose to the challenge we're so proud of your creativity, teamwork, and talent!



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YEAR 7 CHRISTMAS CINEMA NIGHT

The Year 7 Cosy Cinema Night was a fun and relaxed evening where students gathered to watch The Grinch that stole Christmas. The tuck shop was supplied by Friends of Meols Cop, with tasty treats and goodies, adding to the festive atmosphere. It was a perfect night of laughter, comfort, and classic Grinch fun!



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Students and staff paid respects on Remembrance Day. Students who are part of cadet forces came into school in their full cadet uniforms and raised money for Royal British Legion by selling poppies. Students throughout school listened to the Last Post and paid their respects with the two minute silence.

EDUCATE AWARDS

The Educate Awards, a prestigious celebration of excellence in education, recently took place at the magnificent Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. Meols Cop were shortlisted for Outstanding Commitment to Performing Arts - and although we didn't win, it was an privilege to be part of the celebrations.



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CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Congratulations to Evie H in Year 7 who won this year's Christmas card competition. Evie won a £50 Amazon voucher, and the runners up all received a selection box. The standard of talent has been phenomenal and it was an incredibly tough decision to pick the winner. Well done to all involved and we are sure you will agree all cards are amazing!



Stephen B - Y9



Louisa R - Y7



Nelson N - Y9



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Ellie S - Y9



Jessica G - Y9



Ivy M - Y7



Joshua - Y8



Macie - Y7



Amelia D - Y7



Veronica J - Y9



Jacob EL - Y8



Kaan C - Y8



Riah M - Y9



Lexie S - Y7



Tabitha



April B - Y7



Jessica W - Y7



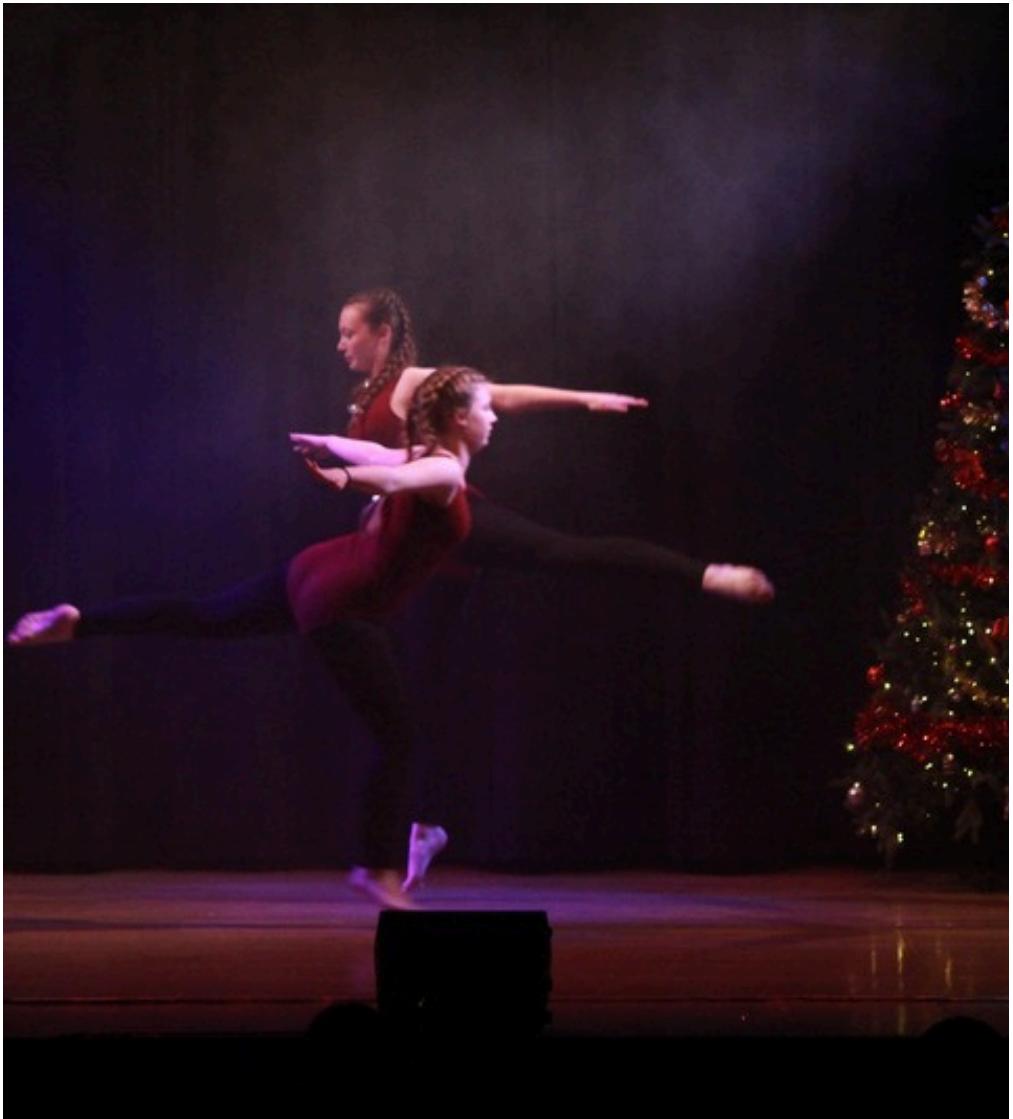
Joshua H - Y7



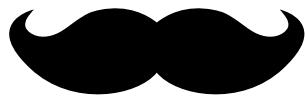
Oliver A - Y7

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

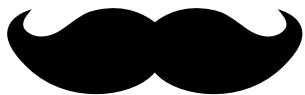
The Christmas Carol concert took place on the 17th December and it was a wonderful festive evening. With fantastic performances from our performing arts students, the night was filled with Christmas spirit.



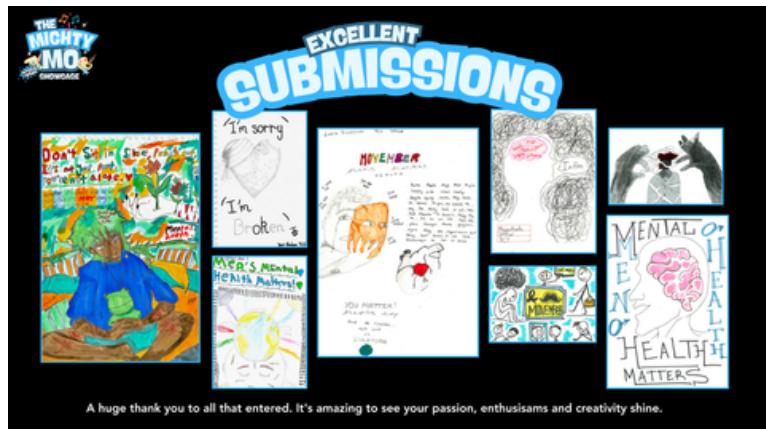
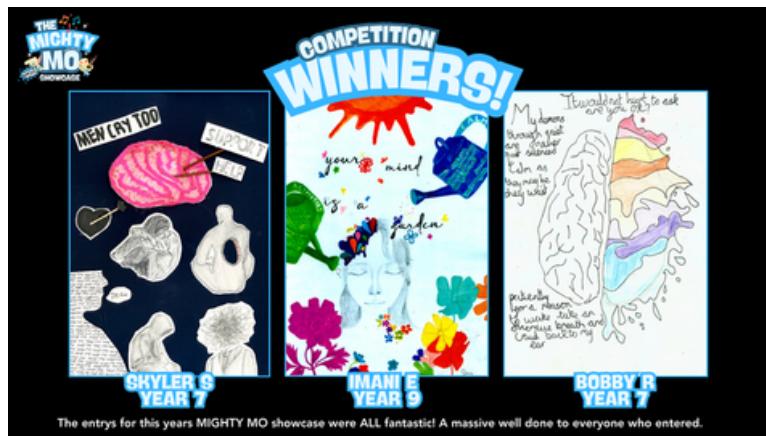
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MOVEMBER



The Movember movement took over Meols Cop this November. A variety of initiatives took place, all with the purpose of raising awareness and funds for supporting Mental Health charities. Student Leaders ran a bake sale, guest speakers came into school to run a number of workshops, Wear a Mo Day, Move for Movember and the Mighty Showcase. The final amount raised will be shared soon - thank you to everyone who took part.



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CARE HOME CHRISTMAS CHEER

Our Student Leaders Relationships team visited Dale Park Care home to bring some festive cheer. They sang a number of beautiful carols, as well as playing bingo! It was lovely to see the students interacting with the residents - they did Meols Cop proud!



CLASS OF 2025 AWARDS EVENING



We welcomed back the Class of 2025 for their Awards Evening. Throughout the evening, we celebrated students' success in their exams, along with some very special awards and fantastic performances from the Performing Arts students.



SOUTHPORT LEARNING TRUST CAROL CONCERT

Performing Arts students from Meols Cop, Stanley and Birkdale came together for a wonderful evening of Christmas Carols and performances by candlelight. It was a wonderful evening, full of Christmas cheer and incredible performances. Well done to all involved!



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STARS IN OUR SCHOOL



Students and staff gave thanks to support staff in school in November. In celebration of all the hard work and behind the scenes work that goes on each day, students and staff gave thanks by writing and handing out postcards!



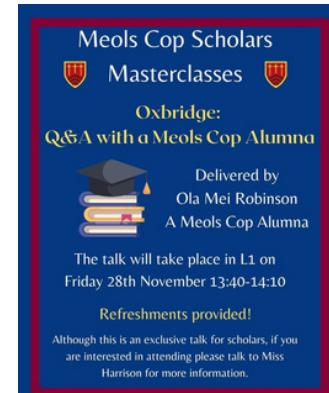
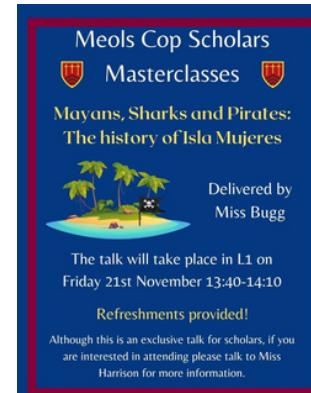
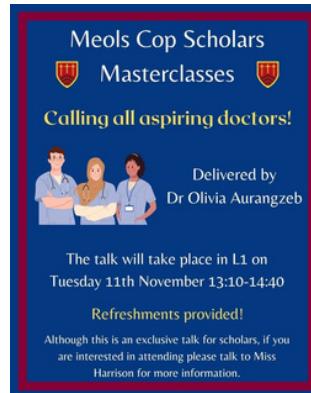
Thank you!

for everything you do to support the Meols Cop Community!



SCHOLARS MASTERCLASSES

It's been a busy term for Scholars Masterclasses! Scholars enjoyed a variety of different talks, opening up fantastic discussions and focus points! Well done to everyone who came along!



SCHOLARS TRIP TO YORK

Scholars enjoyed a trip to York Minster recently, where they experienced a guided tour of the cathedral, took part in a workshop where they learnt about Jonathon Martin, an 1829 criminal who burnt down York Minster. Scholars also took part in a mock trial where they looked at evidence, listened to witnesses to decide the fate of the accused!



Skills & Experience

STUDENT LEADERS AGM

Following last term's elections, our Student Leaders held their first Annual General Meeting (AGM), where they were introduced to their new teams. The leaders are now split into six key areas: ***Social Justice, Health, Relationships, Learning, Safety, and Environment***. Each team will focus on specific projects and initiatives aimed at improving our school community.

During the meeting, students learned more about their roles and discussed upcoming projects, including exciting plans to contribute to school events. These student-driven initiatives will help make a real difference, promoting leadership, collaboration, and positive change across the school.



TAPAS TAPAS TRIP

Our Spanish class had a fantastic time at Tapas Tapas in Crosby, trying out all the delicious Spanish dishes we've been learning about! From patatas bravas and croquetas to paella and tortilla española, everything was amazing. Big thanks to the staff for being so welcoming and patient with our Spanish! It was a perfect way to experience the culture we're studying.



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SMOKE HOUSE TIME FOR YEAR 11

A recent visit to Hickory's smokehouse proved to be a great learning experience as Year 11 students were given the opportunity to work alongside chefs at the restaurant. There was lots of beating and flipping when students created pancakes, decorating them in a range of toppings.

Students created some appetising cheesecakes using a variety of cookies and toppings with lots of piping and mixing to make the desserts. The session finished with a tasting session of the dishes the students had created. Well done Year 11!



SOUTHPORT RUNS!

Students from our trust schools recently supported the 21-mile cycle ride from Southport to Wigan with members of Wigan Athletic Community Trust. We were proud to team up and pass the “bleed kit baton” to the cyclists as they began their journey through Lancashire and into Greater Manchester with our pupils completing a short run in Southport.



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YEAR 7 GYMNASTICS SUCCESS

Huge congratulations to Aidan in Year 7! Aidan recently dominated at a Newcastle gymnastics event, winning gold medals across all 6 apparatus – floor, high bar, pommel horse, parallel bars, rings, and vault!

During half term, he competed at the British Gymnastics Men's Artistic National Networks Championships 2025 in Telford, representing the North West. It was a fierce competition with top gymnasts from across the country, but after a tense battle with the East team, the North West team took GOLD! Aidan's standout performances on the rings and high bar were key to the win!



CHARITY RUNS



Huge congratulations to Miss Johnson who recently ran the Silverstone 10k - raising **£450** for Alder Hey.

The Year 11 team - Mrs Quinn, Ms Leach and Mrs Mordey took part in the Queenscourt Hospice 5k Santa Sprint - and raised **£430!**



Alder Hey
Children's Hospital

Queenscourt
where life is for living...

CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTION

Over the course of December, each year group have been spreading some Christmas cheer by donating items for the MCHS Christmas hamper appeal, which were given out over the last week of term. Thank you so much for all your generosity!



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YOUNG CARERS CINEMA TRIP

Our Young Carers from across Southport Learning Trust were treated to a cinema trip at Bouche Cinema in Southport to watch the Christmas film Elf. This was a celebration of their hard work and support they show for their families.



SANTA DASH

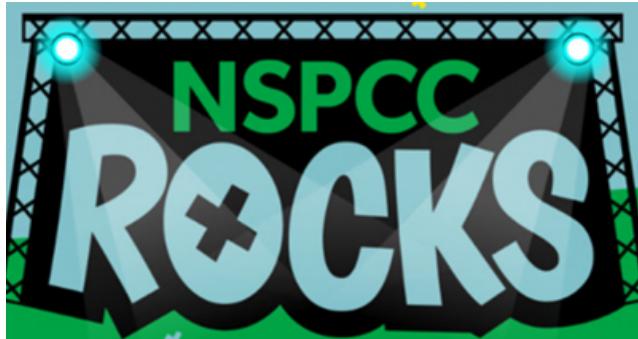
It was the 3rd MCHS Santa Dash on Thursday 18th December. Students from all year groups took part in a 4K run, walk or skip of the school field and out in the local community. Once finished, they enjoyed a hot dog and hot chocolate! Well done everyone!



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YEAR 7 DISCO

The Year 7 disco was a great night with plenty of music, dancing, and treats from the tuck shop. Everyone had fun hanging out together, showing off their moves, and it gave everyone a chance to laugh and make some good memories.



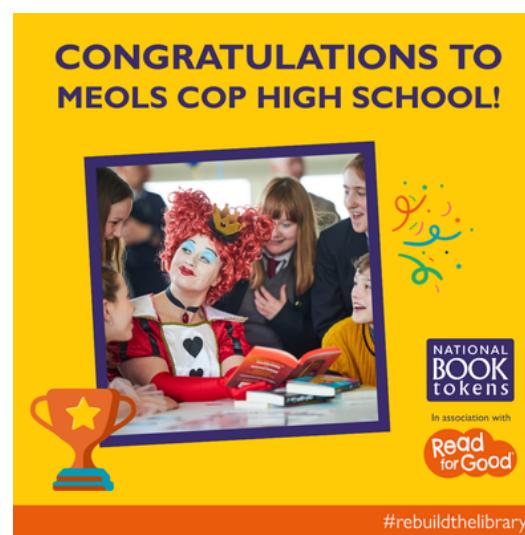
Students took part in the 2025 NSPCC number day. Timetable Rockstars have joined together with NSPCC to hold a nationwide timetable class challenge. Students answered as many multiplication and division questions correctly and the winning school and class was based on the highest average number of correct answers per pupil.

Congratulations to all who took part, as MCHS finished 183 out of 663 schools! A special congratulations to Wiktor in Year 8 who was the top performing student!

NATIONAL BOOK TOKENS WINNER

A huge thank you to everyone who supported us – Meols Cop High School is one of just FIVE schools across the UK to win the amazing prize of **£1000** worth of National Book Tokens AND an additional **£300** to help improve our library space!

This means more books, more inspiration, and an even better space for everyone to enjoy! We couldn't have done it without all of you who voted. Your support means the world to us.



THANK YOU FROM FRIENDS OF MEOLS COP

Thank you!

RAFFLE WINNERS

Huge congratulations to all our winners in the FOMC raffle. Thank you to everyone for all support for FOMC, raising funds for our school.

1st	£200 Love to shop Vouchers WINNER: MIA K - YEAR 9
2nd	£100 Tesco Vouchers WINNER: EDWARD R - YEAR 7
3rd	£50 Amazon Vouchers WINNER: MISS BENSON

On behalf of the Friends of Meols Cop, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers for your incredible support throughout 2025. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised a fantastic over **£9000** since FOMC began, which has been put to great use in benefiting our school community. Your contributions have helped provide new books, classroom equipment, valuable library resources, and much-needed support at various events, whilst building reserves to go towards our upgrades to the school hall.

ADVENTURE COAST WINNER



Huge Congratulations to Abe in Year 8 who won the Adventure Coast family pass raffle prize. Thank you to all who entered, we raised almost £200, which will go towards our stage upgrade!



TESCO STRONGER STARTS BAGS TO SCHOOL

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the recent Tesco Stronger Starts Blue Token Campaign. We are so pleased to announce that Meols Cop have been awarded **£1000** towards our stage upgrades. We couldn't have done this without all your support, it was a real MCHS Community effort



Thank you to everyone who donated to the bags for school campaign - we collated over 460kg of clothing, which equated to **£140** towards FOMC!



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SCHOOL EDITION

4th - 6th March 2026

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SPORTING ROUNDUP

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



Well done to Year 7 football teams who took part in the recent Sefton tournament at Stanley High School. The pride was clear as the boys wore Meols Cop colours for the first time, the atmosphere electric. Team 1 impressed with a dominant 3-0 win, thanks to strong defending from Seth and Daniel, Oliver's saves, and goals from Kacper S and Izakk. Despite Izakk's world-class strike in the second game, fatigue led to a 3-1 loss. Team 2 regrouped after a shaky start, producing a thrilling 3-2 victory with goals from Kacper T, Seb, and Ben, plus heroics from Josh and Bobby. Izakk earned Team 1's man of the tournament, while Bobby shone for Team 2.



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